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1. There is great variation in the number of effectives in the six Yugoslav armies, the more important armies being the Second, Fourth and Sixth. Present army effectives are as follows:

First Army	-	11 Divisions of which three are drawn from Sixth Army
Second Army	-	11 Divisions
Third Army	-	10 Divisions of which three are drawn from Fourth Army
Fourth Army	-	9 Divisions (formerly there were 12 Divisions)
Fifth Army	-	8 Divisions of which two were drawn from Sixth Army
Sixth Army	-	4 Divisions (formerly there were 9 Divisions)
2. A special general command has been set up at Nis which has at its disposition the First, Third and Fifth Armies as constituted above. The effectives drawn from the Fourth Army to re-inforce the Third, are mostly composed of Croat troops and elements of motorized artillery, assault groups and parachutists. Those drawn from the Sixth Army to reinforce the First and Fifth Armies are mostly composed of Bosnian and Serbian troops and elements of mountain artillery, engineer and shock troops.
3. Defensive works on the Hungarian, Rumanian, Bulgarian borders have been notably enlarged and reinforced.
 - a. Important works have been undertaken in the wedge formed by the two frontiers, Hungary and Rumania, with Szeged in Hungary as the vortex. In this whole area, bounded on the south by the Danube from Gradista (Rumanian frontier) to Osijek (Hungarian frontier), traffic is subjected to most rigid controls. Defense centers, with installations in reinforced cement, strong anti-tank construction and extended mined zones are set up near the road centers of Osijek, Subotica and Vrsac. Pyramids formed from railroad wheels with their bases in cement generally constitute these anti-tank installations. The wheels were taken from the railroad lines leading from Osijek to Pecs and from Subotica to Szeged in Hungary, and from Vrsac to the Rumanian border.
 - b. Arrangements have been made to flood the border region formed by the Tisa River and the Bega Canal.

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- c. The forward line of defense along the Austro-Hungarian boundaries has been set up along the secondary automobile highway from Osijek to Ljubljana, through Varazdin.
 - d. The First and Third Armies are located along a tangential south-easterly line in the triangular zone formed by the juncture of the Rumanian-Bulgarian frontiers. The mountainous area from Turnu-Severin to Nis has recently been reinforced with light artillery and heavy machine guns on the two eastern flanks, with the principal defense the Golubian mountain chain from Negotin to Nis.
 - e. The Fifth Army, with important elements of mountain artillery and mountain troops, is stationed between Vranje and Skoplje along the Karadagh mountain area, and between Skoplje and the Greek-Macedonian border in the Kardzica area.
4. It is considered certain that these recent measures taken by the Yugoslav General Staff will permit a vigorous meeting of any unforeseen offenses launched by combined Soviet and Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian satellite forces.
5. The Yugoslav General Staff intelligence service has been competent and active and has set up in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria important intelligence networks. Current information sent to Belgrade from these networks includes the following:
- a. In case of punitive action against Yugoslavia, the presumption should not be made that Soviet Forces wish to use Hungarian territory as their offensive base. It appears that the Soviet General Staff has no confidence in the Hungarian troops and is obliged to maintain in Hungary approximately seven divisions, in addition to MVD, technical and control officials. Of the seven Soviet divisions, two are reportedly armored and have a strength of approximately 15,000 men. One division, the 16th, is located in the zone west of Lake Balaton with its headquarters at Szombathely. The other, the 18th, which is extremely strong in armored vehicles, is located in the zone southeast of Budapest, between the Danube and the Szeged-Budapest railroad, with its headquarters at Solt.
 - b. The Soviets do not appear to have bombing planes in Hungary although pursuit and reconnaissance planes are concentrated in the airdromes between Lake Balaton and the center of Tapolca. Large anti-aircraft installations have been set up near Rakeve to defend Csepel's heavy industry.
 - c. There has been noted in Bulgaria the presence of two divisions of picked Soviet troops and of the 2 Soviet Parachute Division. Important Soviet forces are reportedly only present in the Bulgarian border triangle, whose vortex is Turnu-Severin, bounded by Ruse-Plevin-Sofia-Caribrod road. Headquarters for these forces, who are all allegedly Siberian and Chinese Mongolian troops, is in Orlyakhovo.
6. The Fourth Yugoslav Army occupies the area from the Italian-Austrian frontiers south to the line connecting Rijeka with Maribor (through Novo-Most and Celja). A division composed of two mixed brigades is stationed in Zone B, FTT. While officially the Yugoslavs declare that total effectives in Zone B do not exceed 5000 men, actually more than 8000 men are on duty. Three divisions with three artillery regiments (one of which is a mountain regiment) and five mixed brigades (three of which are Alpine troops) as well as an engineers unit and two shock units are arranged in the quadrilateral formed by Italian-Austrian frontiers and the Trieste, Ljubljana, Kranje line. Headquarters command is at Kranje. The Istrian zone and the zone between Rijeka and Postojna is

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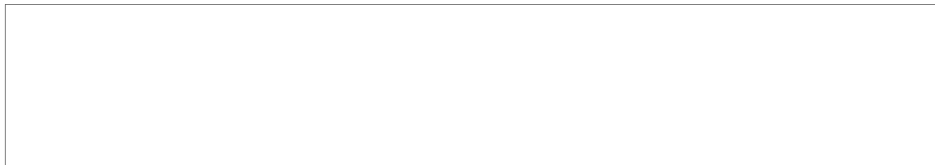
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occupied by two divisions (with headquarters in Ruppa), while another three divisions are arranged between Ljubljana and Maribor (with headquarters in Celje) to connect with the divisions of the Second Army.



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